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SUBJ: RTAF FMS FY-76 PROCUREMENT

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1. MISSION RECOGNIZES THAT FMS CREDIT PROJECTION FOR FY-76 DID NOT INCLUDE THE TWO F-5E AIRCRAFT THAT ROYAL THAI AIR FORCE DESIRES AS ATTRITION AIRCRAFT. THE CREDIT JUSTIFICATION WAS PREPARED IN LATE 1975, HOWEVER, AND IN VIEW OF DELIVERY OF F-5E/F A/C IN MAY, 1978, UNDER PROJ PEACE ETERNAL THE RTAF NOW BELIEVES IT COULD MAKE BETTER USE OF FY-76 FMS CREDIT BY PURCHASING TWO ATTRITION AIRCRAFT.

2. THE COUNTRY TEAM DOES NOT FEEL THE QUESTION OF SOPHISTICATION IS GERMANE TO THIS REQUEST, AS THE A/C WILL BE FOLLOW-ON TO THE SQUADRON OF 13 F-5E AND THREE F-5F A/C ALREADY APPROVED AND BEING PURCHASED UNDER FMS CASE PEACE ETERNAL AND WHICH ARE IN THE PRODUCTION LINE. THE TWO ATTRITION A/C WILL EXTEND THE OPERATING CAPABILITY TO THE FULL SERVICE LIFE OF THE F-5E/F WEAPONS SYSTEM, BUT WILL NOT ENTAIL THE ADDITIONAL PURCHASE OF INITIAL SPARES AND LOGISTICAL SUPPORT. AS INDICATED IN REF B, NORMAL SQUADRON SIZE OF 18 A/C WAS REDUCED TO 16 BECAUSE OF BUDGET LIMITATIONS.

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TWO ATTRITION A/C WOULD BRING NEW SQUADRON TO NORMAL STRENGTH.

3. IN SUMMARY, WE VIEW THE REQ FOR PURCHASE OF THE TWO A/C NOT AS AN INTRODUCTION OF A MORE SOPHISTICATED WEAPON SYSTEM BUT AS A LOGICAL FOLLOW ON PURCHASE TO PROJ PEACE ETERNAL. WHITEHOUSE

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